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PASS WHITE HOUSE - NSC FOR HUNTER; VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FOR
BERMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IT
SUBJECT: STATE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MORO

REF: STATE 119922

1. MFA HAS CONFIRMED IN NOTE THAT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MORO
WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MAY 13 AT 1600 AT BASILICA OF
ST. JOHN LATERAN. THREE SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EACH
COUNTRY. DRESS WILL BE DARK BUSINESS SUIT.

2. SURVEY OF OTHER MAJOR EMBASSIES IN ROME MORNING OF
MAY 11 INDICATES NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON REPRESENTATION
AT MORO SERVICE. WEST GERMAN EMBASS IS RECOMMENDING THAT
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CDU LEADER KOHL REPRESENT FRG.
JAPANESE PREDICT THAT IN VIEW OF DISTANCE AND LACK OF
TIME, NO REPRESENTATION LIKELY TO BE SENT FROM TOKYO.
CANADIANS TELL US THAT PM TRUDEAU MAY COME IF OTHER COUNTRIES
SEND HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS OR SIMILAR LEVEL AND IS WAITING TO
SEE WHAT US WILL DO. OTHER EMBASSIES TELL US THEY ARE
SIMPLY REPORTING TO CAPITALS AVAILABILITY OF THREE
SEATS. MFA PROTOCOL OFFICIAL INFORMS US THAT
REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS IS EXPECTED FROM AT LEAST
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EC AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT FOR ITALY, AND IN VIEW OF
OUR STRONG COMMITMENT AGAINST TERRORISM, WE BELIEVE
THAT USG SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT HIGH LEVEL. WE
RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE
REPRESENT US AT MORO SERVICE. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND

THAT PETER RODINO ALSO ATTEND AS LEADING ITALO-AMERICAN
AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOUSE.

4. IN DISCUSSION MAY 11 WITH PRIME MINISTER'S DIPLOMATIC
ADVISOR, LA ROCCA, AMBASSADOR INFORMALLY RAISED
POSSIBILITY OF VICE PRESIDENT'S AND RODINO'S ATTENDANCE.
LA ROCCA REPLIED THAT PM WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE SUCH
A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY.GARDNER

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